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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled: DECODING APPARATUS, DECODING METHOD, RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS, PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM

☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) is claimed and the amounts shown in parentheses below have been employed.

The following are enclosed:

☒ Specification

☒ 11 Claims(s) (including 5 independent claim(s))

☐ Preliminary Amendment

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☒ 17 Sheet(s) of Drawings

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Basic Fee of \$770 (\$385) .....\$ 770.00

☐ Total Claims in excess of 20 at \$18 (\$9).....\$ 0.00

☒ 2 Ind. Claims in excess of 3 at \$86 (\$43).....\$ 172.00

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☒ Certified copy of each of the following to substantiate the claim for priority:

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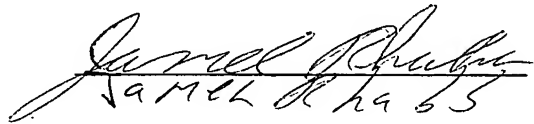
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